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STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND
PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE
OF THE STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF : Administrative Action

ALEXA GRAYSON, LPC
LICENSE NO. 37AC00354100

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE AS AN ASSOCIATE
COUNSELOR IN THE STATE OF
NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened before the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (hereinafter the "Committee") of the New Jersey Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners upon receipt of a complaint alleging that Respondent engaged in professional misconduct by maintaining personal relationships

Respondent appeared before the Committee for an investigative inquiry on January 16, 2020. Respondent testified that she shared a personal relationship with her client CW. The relationship included visits by CW to Respondent's home during which time they shared alcohol and discussed Respondent's own struggles with an eating disorder.

Respondent further testified that she engaged in a romantic and sexual relationship with another client, ER. CW and ER were friends, and, at times, Respondent engaged socially with both ER and CW at the same time.

The Committee has reviewed the complaint and Respondent's testimony at the investigative inquiry and concluded that Respondent engaged in multiple boundary violations. Respondent violated N.J.A.C. 13:34-19.3, sexual misconduct, and N.J.A.C. 13:34-30.4, conflicts of interest; dual relationships. These violations provide a basis for discipline under N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h). Further, Respondent did not adhere to the generally accepted standards of professional counseling and engaged in multiple acts of professional misconduct, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

It appearing that Respondent wishes to voluntarily enter into this agreement waiving any right to a hearing; and the Committee finding this Consent Order to be adequately protective

of the public health, safety and welfare, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS ON THIS 7 DAY OF November, 2020,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice as an associate counselor shall be suspended for a minimum of five (5) years and further order of the Committee.
2. Respondent shall not engage in the practice as an associate counselor and shall not represent herself as an associate counselor. Any such practice or representation by Respondent constitutes grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.
3. Within five (5) days of the date of filing of this Consent Order, Respondent shall mail her license to practice as an associate counselor - including wall and wallet-sized versions - to Milagros Collazo, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, at 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey, 07101.
4. Prior to any application by Respondent to reinstate her license to practice as an associate counselor, which shall occur no earlier than five (5) years from the date of entry of this Consent Order, Respondent shall appear before the Committee, provide documentation of an in person three (3) credit graduate

counseling and demonstrate her fitness to practice as an associate counselor.

5. The Committee reserves the right to place restrictions on Respondent's license in the event it is reinstated.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

By William Green L.C.
William Green, L.C.
Committee Chair

I have read and understand the above Consent Order and I agree to abide by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Alexa Grayson
Alexa Grayson, Respondent

Date: 12/3/2020

I consent to the form of this Order.

David Barry Esq.
David Barry, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent

Date: 12/3/2020